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South Side Blaze Damages Home

Fire Attacks Residence on Merion Avenue

The home of Mr. Horace I. McConnell, at 320 Merion avenue, was badly damaged by fire Thursday afternoon.

At 12:45 a workman on an excavation job next door rushed to the door and told Mrs. McConnell that the house was on fire. She phoned the Narberth Fire Company at once. Ninety seconds after the siren started the engines were on the way; and in another 90 seconds had reached the scene of the blaze.

Flames were already shooting from the roof at the rear of the house, and the third story was ablaze. After turning in the alarm, Mrs. McConnell stayed in the house, removing valuables from the threatened building, assisted by neighbors.

The Lower Merion Police Department notified the Bala-Cynwyd and Ardmore Companies, and soon the three departments were attacking the blaze. Despite the headway of the flames, the prompt arrival of the local company prevented a more serious spread and the fire was kept in one part of the house.

It is believed that sparks from a steam shovel working a few feet from the house lodged on the shingle roof early in the morning. Apparently the flames had crept unseen along the roof and the ceiling of the third story, suddenly breaking forth in smoke and flame at noon.

Damage amounting to several thousand dollars was done to the home and the furniture. The entire third floor and the rear of the second floor were gutted, and water did considerable damage to other parts of the house and to the furniture which had not been removed.

A phone call was immediately made to Mr. McConnell's office in the city. It was found that he was out on a business trip and calls were quickly made to several towns. He was located at Bridgeport, near Norristown, and drove to his home at once, arriving before the blaze had been extinguished.

The blaze spread to a small part of the roof of the home of Mr. William H. Creamer, Jr., who lives in the other half of the double house. Mr. Creamer also suffered some damage from water.

The use of considerable water was made necessary by the fact that the blaze had spread to the partitions of the rooms, and had to be drowned out by the heavy streams from the big pumping engine. As soon as the fire was under control, the firemen began a general clean-up, removed a large part of the excess water and cleaned up much of the debris to minimize the damage.

BOY SCOUTS

To Attend Scout Parade in City Next Saturday

Narberth Boy Scouts will not officially participate in the Scout parade on Boys' Day, Saturday, April 25, as that event will be limited to Philadelphia Scouts. They will, however, be expected to appear on the streets, in full uniform, as on that afternoon they will visit the United States Marine Equipment Depot as the guests of Captain W. J. Crosson, a well-known Narberthite.

On account of the big program Captain Crosson wants the troop to be at the depot early in the morning. All boys must assemble in full uniform at Scout headquarters. At 9:30 A. M. they will leave Narberth in a marine truck.

This truck will accommodate the whole troop, so it is hoped that our full 75 will attend.

General Ranford will address the boys. Come on, everybody. It looks like a big day.

On Saturday, April 18, the troop will compete in the counties athletic meet held at the soccer field of Haverford College on the Lancaster pike.

For the first time in a number of years there will be a court of honor meeting in Narberth. This is scheduled for April 24 and so far 25 applications for merit badges have been filed by the local troop. This is another indication that the Narberth troop is coming along fast.

Carl Metzger, Burgess, as is well known, is the Narberth troop representative on the court, all the members of which are influential residents of the Main Line.

One hundred and sixty-five residents have subscribed to the Scout fund. This week's contributors are: Fred Hermann, Mrs. Andrew Greene, I. Dunno, Reverend R. F. Cowley, George M. Dando, Mrs. Lilian P. Jones.

While all subscriptions to date have already been acknowledged in the columns of Our Town, at the close of the campaign the names of all subscribers will be listed on the bulletin boards located at the office of Robert J. Nash and in the post office.

Narberth's Daylight Saving.

At the April meeting of Borough Council last Monday night, a resolution was passed which seems to assure daylight saving in Narberth this year.

This is inferred from the decision of council to change the date of their meeting to 7:30, eastern standard time. This is in effect for five months; May, June, July, August and September.

The same plan was followed last year. No change in the clocks was authorized, but actual daylight saving was followed by convening at an earlier hour. Thus the anti-daylight saving law is not violated.

Undoubtedly, despite the State law against the display of an un-standard clock, the watches of the citizens will show Atlantic Maritime Time within the recesses of vest pockets.

Council Meeting Marked by Lively Debate

Shingle Roofs and Paving Program Keep Narberth Solons on Job Till Late Hour

"Resolved: that wooden shingles shall be banished from the roofs of the Borough."

Such was the subject of an informal debate which served to make the Monday meeting of Council an interesting one. Rather, we should say, the Monday-Tuesday meeting, for midnight had passed before the wearied councilmen and spectators returned to their Lares and Penates.

The affirmative side of the debate in question was ably handled by Burgess Metzger, Fire Chief Noel and Joseph F. Dwyer, Engineer of the Philadelphia Suburban Underwriters.

The cause of the wooden shingle—for many years applied to roofs and small boys—was vigorously defended by T. Noel Butler, who brought as his speaker of the evening Charles E. Marsh, of the Red Cedar Shingle Bureau.

From Mr. Marsh's talk it was gathered that his business in life is traveling over all the country in an attempt to block the passage of anti-shingle ordinances.

Building Amendment Proposed.

The debate arose as the result of a proposed amendment to Narberth's recently strengthened building code. The provisions of the new bill would banish wood shingles from all new homes henceforth constructed in the borough. No effort is being made to prevent the repair or replacement of present roofs with wood, save in the fire zone. The present ordinance provides that repairs involving more than 25 per cent. of the area in the fire zone must be made with fire-resisting material.

Mr. Marsh came armed with books and statistics. His speech, which was received with much interest, attempted to prove that the present tendency in city governments was to remove anti-shingle ordinances. Some of the points he brought out were:

That shingle manufacturers are being picked on.

That most of the shingles being used in recent years are quarter-sawn, edge-grain, fire-resistive types.

That the number of anti-shingle bills is growing less each year.

That red cedar quarter-sawn, edge-grain shingles were more fire-resistive than Class C composition roofings. He quoted recent tests in various parts of the country to back up that assertion.

Chief Noel's Experience.

Mr. Noel, in his speech for the affirmative, spoke of his experience with wooden shingles in fire-fighting. They were, he declared, one of the principal causes of conflagrations. He named a number of recent local fires traceable to shingles.

Mr. Metzger explained that the ordinance was not designed to affect present structures. He declared that the type of homes now being constructed can well afford high-grade fire-resistive roof coverings.

Mr. Marsh countered by referring to

tests now being made by the U. S. Bureau of Standards. These, he averred, would show that the campaign against wooden shingles is not based on real facts. He asked the borough fathers to wait until the end of the year, when the reports would be published, before passing the amendment.

Mr. Metzger then declared that the intention of Council was not to substitute Class C roofing for wood, but to compel the use of A or B materials. These classes include slate, tile and other fire-proof materials; not the cheaper compositions furnished in rolls or strips.

Mr. Dwyer asked how old the shingles were that were used in the tests Mr. Marsh mentioned. "Some were new," was the reply, "but one sample was a roof made up of 37-year-old, weathered, curled shingles, which resisted the fire-brand better than composition roofing."

"I'd like to see the pictures of that test," replied Mr. Dwyer with a significant shrug of his shoulders.

A vote on the bill, which is on second reading, was held over until the May meeting.

Street Paving.

In the absence of President Hall, Councilman William H. Henderson acted as President pro tem. Mr. Walton M. Wentz was absent for the early part of the meeting, but arrived at 9 in time to take part in the discussion of the street paving program.

Good progress was made at the meeting in connection with the necessary preliminaries for the program of street improvement under the \$75,000 bond issue. All necessary ordinances pertaining to that matter were introduced and given first reading.

Councilman Redifer, as chairman of the Finance Committee, introduced the ordinance by which the borough authorities can issue the \$75,000 bond. This ordinance as now drawn indicates that four per cent. interest will be paid which is a favorable rate.

Sewers to Be Laid.

Councilman Wentz, chairman of the Committee on Highways and Sewers, introduced ordinances providing for the laying of sewers on those streets in the northeastern section of the borough which are now without sewers. This work must be done before permanent pavements can be laid. Mr. Wentz also introduced an ordinance instructing property owners to provide standard curbs, sidewalks and gutters, and also another ordinance which will authorize the borough authorities to solicit bids from contractors and proceed with the actual work of paving.

All of these ordinances must lay over until the next meeting on May 11 for final enactment and none of them can become literally effective until 30 days after that date. However, this delay will not interfere with progress on many essential details.

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TO PARTICIPATE

Local Girl Scouts in Concert on Friday

Quite a number of Narberth girls will take part in the Girl Scout concert, "Songs of Other Days," to be given April 24 at 8 P. M. at the Lower Merion Junior High School, Ardmore, for the benefit of the National and Camp Building Funds.

The concert is to be divided into four parts with all Main Line Scouts and those of Norristown and Conshohocken taking part. The Scouts of the Main Line will sing songs in costume, depicting scenes from the anti-Bellum, Puritan and Colonial periods, and the troops of Norristown and Conshohocken will give a Scout play.

The following Narberth girls will take part in the anti-Bellum act as "school children": Virginia Eyre, Kitty Miller, Ruth Cook, Betty Jones, Katharine Smith, Mary Neale, Beulah Chalfant, Helen Aiken, Marie Wentz, Ann Van Auker and Cora Messac.

There will be a "School Scene" in the anti-Bellum act in which seven Narberth girls will take part. "The Coquette Soprano," Ella Ross; "School Examiner and Wife," Elizabeth Terry and Ellen Pray; "The Jovial Merchant and Wife," Kitty Irwin and Alice Maguire; "Billy Boy and Girl," Virginia Douglass and Marion Henry.

Mrs. C. Duane Williams, of County Line, Bryn Mawr, is chairman of the Concert Committee, and Mrs. Edith Hale, Rosenmont, is directing the performance, assisted by Miss Leslie Perkins, field director, district No. 8.

MRS. DANIEL C. MCGUIGAN

Mrs. Ellen E. McGuigan, wife of Mr. Daniel C. McGuigan, died at her home on Wednesday afternoon, after an illness of nearly a year.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three children, all residents of Narberth. They are Mrs. Byron Hall, Mrs. Roland K. Hewitt and Mr. John J. McGuigan.

Funeral services will be held at 8:30 this morning from her late residence, 509 Gordon avenue, and high mass will be said at 10 o'clock at St. Margaret's Church. Interment will be made in St. Denis' Cemetery, Ardmore.

EIGHT CLUBS

Main Line League Considering an Enlargement

That the Main Line Baseball League will be increased from a six-club to an eight-club circuit seems assured after the second of the preliminary meetings of the league held in Narberth Monday. There were representatives from seven clubs present at the session and two more organizations are said to be ready to ask admission to the league.

There were nearly 30 men present at the meeting which was described by President Robert J. Edgar as one of the best ever held by the league. Each representative brought several of his club members along with him to the session. Enthusiasm ran high and indications are that the baseball season along the Main Line will be one of the best in the history of the league.

If eight clubs are finally decided upon there will be 14 games in each of the two halves, 10 regular Saturday and holiday games and four twilight affairs. The season will probably begin the second Saturday in May and end its first half season on the afternoon of July 4. The second half would then end on Labor Day.

Another meeting of the league will again be held in Narberth this coming Monday at the office of Robert J. Nash. It will be called to order at 8:30 P. M. sharp. Formal applications for franchises in the league will then be received. Action upon these will be followed by election of officers.

Tennis Club Opens Season.

The Grounds Committee of the Narberth Tennis Association announce that, weather permitting, the courts will be ready for play on Saturday, April 18. The mild weather of the past month has permitted workmen to put an unusual amount of work on the courts and as a result they are in fine condition for playing, much earlier than is usual.

Opening on this date allows the club activities to go forward uninterrupted. The indoor season closes on Friday evening with the last club dance in Elm Hall and the outdoor season open on Saturday on the courts.

Civic Association's Annual Meeting

Public is Invited to Affair Wednesday Evening

The Narberth Civic Association will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday evening, April 22, at 8 P. M. at the Y. M. C. A. building. Election of officers and directors for the coming year will take place, and a resume given of the work accomplished by the Association during the past year.

Due notice of the meeting will be sent to all paying members of the Association, who have the privilege of voting at this time, but a general invitation is extended to all townspeople who have an interest in the progress of Narberth, to be present and hear what their support will mean to the Association, and what the Association can mean to them.

In the short period of time that the Association has had to reconstruct its organization, the directors feel that much has been accomplished besides the big achievement of increasing its membership from zero to a list at least long enough to give hope for future improvement. It is only with a membership approaching 100 per cent. that the Association can hope to complete all the big and interesting plans it has made for the betterment of Narberth. But when those who are not members hear the stimulating report of the President, Mr. Ralph S. Dunne, on Wednesday evening, of what has been accomplished by the directors, they will be eager to offer their support to an undertaking so worthy.

It is hoped that the Y. M. C. A. Hall will be crowded to capacity and that the people of Narberth will bring with them an enthusiasm equal to that which has inspired the officers and directors toward the making of a bigger, better and more beautiful town.

CONCERT THURSDAY

Main Line Choral Completes Spring Program

All arrangements have been completed for the spring concert of the Main Line Choral Society which is scheduled to take place Thursday evening, April 23, in the auditorium of the Women's Club at Ardmore. Program to be given that evening which was published last week has aroused very favorable comment among the critics of the musical world and the rendition of this difficult program will be awaited with much interest.

Mr. William Bentz, who directed the society this year, is known for the extreme finish which accompanies the efforts of his various organizations. His previous appearance with the Narberth Choral Society and with the Penn Mutual Glee Club have placed his musical ability as a director on a high plane.

Tickets have been mailed to the subscribers and for the benefit of the public will be on sale by the active members of the society and at the door.

While accommodations of the Women's Club are restricted, nevertheless arrangements have been made for a portion of the seats to be reserved and the price on these is \$1. The balance of the tickets are 50 cents.

The assisting soloists, the Misses Irene and Blanche Hubbard, will give three numbers: Harp and cello—Les Cloches; Debussy; Serenade Espagnole; Glazunow; Songs My Mother Taught Me; Dvorak; harp and piano—Choral and Variations; Widow; cello solo—Melody; Charpentier; Gavotte; Popper.

It is hoped that a full house will attend the concert as an indication of the interest of the Main Line Community in efforts of this organization to develop a high class of amateur choral work.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Message from Cannibal Islands.

One of the great missionary leaders of modern times is Dr. Northcote Deck, a medical missionary and the head of a mission to the cannibal Solomon Islands in the South Pacific. In twenty years there have been 8000 converts from heathenism and cannibalism, and the native church maintains so high a standard of morality and purity of faith that Dr. Deck says he feels that he has left a Christian land to come to a heathen country in Christendom with its crime waves and worldliness in the church.

Narberth will have the opportunity to hear Dr. Deck at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday night at 7:45 o'clock. He is an Englishman, and is on his way to England on furlough and to speak at the great Keswick Bible conference. He is not only a great missionary leader, but a wonderful Bible student, author and magnetic speaker. The public is cordially invited to hear him tell of his unusual work.

Tells of College Frats.

College fraternities—what they are and how to pick them—was the general trend of the talk given the members of the Hi-Y Club last Wednesday by Mr. J. H. Steele, of the University of Pennsylvania, a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. The talk was given at a meeting held in the Ardmore Y. M. C. A.

The speaker, who is manager of lacrosse at Penn, told of different frats; how some went in for school politics, others for athletics and still others for social activities. He counseled his listeners to pick the fraternity for which they were most suited, as there was nothing so tragic as getting in with the wrong crowd.

NEW RATES

Narberth residents are reminded by Postmaster Fred C. Patten of the new postal rates which went into effect last Wednesday, April 15. Postage for letters and other first-class mail remains the same, but there are changes in second, third and fourth-class mailing which affect the average person.

Plain Government postcards remain at one cent, but picture postcards will need a two-cent stamp. Newspapers and magazines mailed by other than the publisher will cost two cents for two ounces, instead of one for four, as in the past. Other third-class matter will cost 1½ cents for each two ounces. There will also be a two-cent tax on all parcels regardless of weight or destination.

Further and more detailed explanation may be had by application at the post office.

AIDA

Subject of Talk at the Community Club

The "Operalogue" given by Miss Mabel Rich at the Community Club meeting Tuesday of this week was extremely interesting and instructive. Miss Rich, who is a very pleasing speaker, told the story of the opera "Aida," pointing out the different styles of music and illustrating with Victor records of the opera on the Victrola.

Mrs. R. J. Hamilton, Jr., president of the Montgomery County Federation, was a guest of the club, and gave one of her pithy little talks on club work. She urged the women to make the club grow by growing individually, and to train themselves to be able to speak in the meetings. This, Mrs. Hamilton says, may be helped by memorizing "a line a day" of good poetry.

Mrs. Arley Farmer read Mrs. S. Z. Shope's report of the Monday conference, covering many topics. Of chief interest was the information on Laurelton, the village for feeble-minded women, of which there are 50,000 in Pennsylvania. In Laurelton there are now 160 inmates. It is to be enlarged to a capacity of 1000.

During the business meeting the secretary read a letter of thanks from the Civic Association for the club's contribution to the lights for Haverford avenue.

Mrs. Robert Wood gave a report of the library association meeting held on the previous Thursday evening.

The Hospitality Committee announced a card party to be given next Tuesday, April 21, at 2 P. M., in the club room.

On April 22 and 23 there will be a moving picture benefit at Wayne for the benefit of the Bryn Mawr Hospital. Admission, 50 cents. Phone Mrs. E. C. Town, 1234-J, for tickets.

The Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors are Mrs. A. C. Staples, Mrs. George Orth and Mrs. H. F. Stevens.

Several amendments to the club constitution and by-laws were read for consideration and will be voted upon at the next meeting.

The social hour, with Mrs. James Darville as hostess, closed the afternoon.

Members who have roots of hardy perennials to spare are asked to give them to the Flower Committee for the carnival.

The juniors have charge of the parcel post booth.

KARNIVAL

On May 1 and 2, Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening, the Women's Community Club of Narberth will hold its third spring carnival in the Y. M. C. A. building. There will be dainty gifts, flowers and plants, aprons, house dresses, groceries, attractive things from the school for the blind, the prison workers and the disabled soldiers, a fortune teller and dancing for grown-ups, and a wishing well for children. Their jolly attractions will be:

Kafeteria
Kakes
Kandy
Kitchen needs
Kiddy corner.
Kome!

Entertains at Dance.

Miss Honora Snyder, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Snyder, of Narberth and Woodbine avenues, entertained with a dance at her home last Saturday evening.

The guests were the Misses Dorothy Speck, Anna Compton, Patience Wohler, Cynthia Metzger, Laura Henderson, Kitty Adams, Betty Cook, Beth Kempton, Jean Paige, Josephine and Mary Landis, Sally Wynne, Helen Farrell and Frances Gibbons; Messrs. Carson Green, Bob Short, Harry Messec, Ed Davies, Sam Stalker, Bob Weightman, Dick Gillis, Ray Rudruff, Bill Dohard, Gardner Crowell, Bob Foote, Ben Lanahan, Bob Ross, Jay Kohlas, Fred Slack, Charles Campbell, Jimmy Lockwood, Roger Reynolds, Jimmy Faulk and Charles Moffett.

Ten Years Old.

Dorothy Abbott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Abbott, of Conway avenue, entertained in honor of the completion of her first decade of life.

Those who joined in congratulating her were: Naomi Weaver, Ella Harnden, Katharine Robinson, Edith Patton, Lois and Dora Enz, Anna and Marjory Moston, Treva Smith, Marjorie Edrop, Gendron Koller, Clarence Nice, Junior Harnden, Martin Case, Byron Edgerton, Jack Templeman, Douglass Livingston, Elmer Clappen, Reuben, Harold and Raymond Nordblum, Joseph O'Keefe, Finn Koller and Edwin Fittipoldi.

Disabled Veterans To Benefit

Legion Show Solicits Support of Residents

In the past few weeks, we have endeavored to inform every resident of Narberth "why the Legion show?" this year. We have used the columns of "Our Town" each week, and have also spread the news by word of mouth, through members of the Legion and its auxiliary. We feel positive that if we can inform everyone in Narberth of conditions existing in Government hospitals where disabled ex-service men are being cared for, they will support the Legion in this most deserving work.

Do not think that we members of the Legion are trying to minimize or criticize the excellent work the Government is doing in behalf of the disabled.

Bear in mind, however, that all Government appropriations are subject to strict and impersonal legislation. For that reason, and because of the immensity of the work, the personal touch so much desired in hospitalization work is impossible. It is the personal wants of the disabled that we are trying to provide.

Frequently the family of a disabled veteran is forgotten, though often in need of financial assistance. We learn of these cases through the various welfare organizations working in the hospitals, and help as much as our funds will permit.

We know everyone is anxious to do their share to help, if they know such conditions exist. The Legion feels that its paramount duty is to help these former "buddies" and their dependents. We are glad to give our time and efforts to such a worthy cause, and have given as much financial assistance as possible.

We feel we are entitled to the wholehearted support of the people in Narberth. There is no cause more deserving, for if we will think back to those nerve-racking days of 1917 and 1918, we will realize that the men who now need your help were "heroes" then. Someone has said of our ex-service men: "Heroes in '17 and '18, forgotten now." Help us prove this is not true.

Everyone must realize that we who were fortunate enough to escape the disastrous results of warfare owe the disabled men a debt we can never pay in full. We can, however, make their lives more comfortable, their existence more livable. They need your help now, as our country needed them then. Will you respond as generously and willingly? We cannot do more than they did; we should not do less.

That is why the Legion show, April 24 and 25, Elm Hall.

BRILLIANT EASTER MUSIC

Heard by Record-Breaking Congregations at Presbyterian Church.

The Easter music at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and evening was the subject of a great deal of favorable comment on the part of those who heard it, and they were many. By actual count there were 404 persons at the morning service, a record-breaking attendance for Easter or any other Sunday. There were 383 present Easter Sunday morning a year ago. The evening attendance Sunday evening was also the largest in the church's history for night services, there being upwards of 300 people present.

The church quartet rendered in the morning a number of anthems, Bullard's "Day of Resurrection," Warren's "Singing of Birds," Geibel's "In the End of the Sabbath," and a carol, "This Glad Easter Day," from the Norwegian. The quartet's voices harmonized beautifully. The members: Mrs. C. J. Bergh, soprano; Mrs. J. B. Hipwell, contralto; Mr. H. G. Sparks, tenor; and Mr. L. W. Eashy, bass. Mr. Peter Stam, Jr., organist and choir director, played Gounod's "Unfold, Ye Portals Everlasting," as a prelude, and Ryley's "Marche Jubilante" as a postlude.

The vital importance of the bodily resurrection of Christ as the heart of Christian faith was emphasized by the minister, Rev. John Van Ness. His text was Acts 2:32: "This Jesus did God raise up," etc.

The collection was for the new addition to the church building, the foundations for which are rapidly being made.

At night J. Truman Wolcott's cantata, "The Dawn of the Kingdom," was rendered by a chorus, which included the regular quartet and the following additional voices:

Sopranos—Mrs. M. D. Moore, Mrs. J. W. Melcher, Mrs. P. Stam, Jr., Mrs. C. H. Woolmington, Mrs. H. G. Reeves, Mrs. E. S. Haws, Mrs. A. L. Cooke, Miss F. M. Keim, Miss M. E. Digby.

Contraltos—Mrs. A. T. Bowers, Miss M. T. Johnson, Mrs. L. H. Trotter, Mrs. C. A. Farmer, Mrs. J. C. Nash, Miss D. L. Digby.

Tenors—Mr. H. C. Fenno, Mr. J. S. Harris, Mr. A. T. Bowers.

Basses—Mr. A. S. Digby, Mr. F. C. Torrey, Mr. C. R. Starn, Mr. H. G. Reeves, Mr. E. J. Hartzell, Mr. G. P. Hopkins.

Selling Tickets.

Mrs. Robert Town, of 13 Beechwood lane, is the local chairman in charge of the ticket sale for the coming movie benefit at Wayne.

The picture, at the Wayne Theatre, will be "The Arab," under the auspices of the Devon Rummage Sale Committee. The tickets are 50 cents and the proceeds go to the Bryn Mawr Hospital.

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PROTESTS BULB BAN

To the Editor of Our Town:

At this season everyone who lives within sight of a tree or bush wakes in the morning to a freshened sense of life and beauty, in the gradual unfolding of leaf and flower. Those who lead their lives in such cement-bound streets that nothing can grow, at least are gladdened by the small flower-vendors' stands and baskets which make familiar corners sunny with daffodils.

How many realize that the Federal Horticultural Board is threatening to prohibit the importation of all varieties of narcissus bulbs after this year?

Practically all the bulbs from which these flowers are grown come from Holland, where soil and climate conditions are ideal for producing them in quantity. The reason given for their exclusion is that insect pests may be introduced with these bulbs.

Last summer I made a trip to Holland for the especial purpose of visiting gardens and nurseries. I went to a great many places, and there were no pests. If there had been I would have seen them, for you cannot teach an insect to hide itself. The stock was clean and kept in perfect order, and there were no rubbish piles. The bulb fields are carefully patrolled and if one diseased plant shows its head it is dealt with by fire, and the soil around it is disinfected.

There is no danger in the importation of clean bulbs. The danger lies here. Sixty million narcissus bulbs are forced in this country yearly. When they are through blooming most of the plants are thrown on rubbish piles, for as a nation we are not good at clearing up after ourselves. There the plants rot, and insect pests develop freely. If the Federal Horticultural Board would point out the importance of destroying all spent bulbs, the danger of insect pests would be practically eliminated. We could thus enjoy the pleasure which every springtime brings, and our friends in Holland would greatly appreciate our helping them to continue their chosen work which has decorated so much of the world for many years.

MARY M. H. LABOITEAUX.

Dr. Haas to Speak.

The monthly meeting of the Good Fellowship Club of the Methodist Church will be held at the church next Thursday evening, April 23.

Dr. W. E. P. Haas has consented to address the meeting. He is the new district superintendent, having received that post at the recent convention at which Rev. W. Sheridan Dawson was returned to the Narberth pulpit.

The meeting is in the nature of a reception to both men. There will be the customary music, assisted by members of the Presbyterian Orchestra. Refreshments will be served.

A cordial invitation has been extended to all men of the community to attend the meeting.

L. M. Tennis.

The Lower Merion High tennis team will play its first match of the Philadelphia Interscholastic Lawn Tennis League season this afternoon, when it journeys to Lansdowne. Wells Wanamaker, Dave Bevan, Dick Reinhold and John Custard are among the five who will make the trip.

Prospects for a good season are great. Four of last year's team are back and only one place remains to be filled.

Plan Anniversary.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. J. C. Van Newkirk, 303 Conway avenue, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, April 21. Arrangements for the second anniversary will be made.

Coming.

What? "The Colonel's Maid," a comedy in three acts, given by the Narberth Epworth League.

When? Friday, May 1, at 8 P. M. Where? Elm Hall.

You mustn't miss it. Tickets, 50 cents.

Ardmore Chamber Banquet.

Tickets are now being sold for the annual banquet of the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce, which will be held at the Brookline Square Club on Thursday, April 23.

The banquet, 'tis said, will be bigger and better than ever, and claims are being made that it will far exceed any that has been held in the suburbs. A great accumulation of souvenirs will be given the diners.

If men and women quit running after one another—there would be no human race.

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

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Mr. Wentz reported that Borough Solicitor Stites had ruled that it will be necessary to verify the signatures on all of the street paving petitions. That is, it must be ascertained that the signers in each instance are the actual owners of the abutting properties. To have this verification work done by a title company would cost the borough \$500, which would have to come out of the paving fund. Mr. Stites has agreed to do this work for the borough through his own law office and had asked the co-operation of the Narberth Street Improvement Association.

This arrangement was informally approved by Council and Mr. Stites and the Narberth Street Improvement Association will work out a plan whereby all the petitioners will be notified and requested to have their deeds available for examination by a representative of Mr. Stites at specified times. It is very much to the interest of the people who desire pavements to co-operate promptly and carefully with the matter, for otherwise the paving work might be delayed. All signers of petitions will receive detailed instructions by mail from the Narberth Street Improvement Association.

SCHOOL NEWS

The ninth grade sewing class, under the direction of Miss D. E. Eames, are going to give a fashion show in assembly, Friday, April 24. They are to exhibit the dresses they made during the year.

The "Riddle of Isis," an operetta which will be given by the school, is under rehearsal.

The Narberth Junior High School has entered a team in the University of Pennsylvania relay carnival held at Franklin Field, Friday, April 24, 1925. The makeup of the team is still in doubt; however, several men are showing up well in practice. Arthur Brooks and Robert Foote seem to be fixtures on the team. The remaining two members are to be chosen this week.

The freshman class of 1925 have received the custom of having class rings. They wanted something by which to remember Narberth school. Gold rings with the insignia of the school have been chosen.

The D. A. R. has offered the annual prize for a composition on Valley Forge or any other historical subject. All freshmen students are entering the contest as part of their English work.

Miss Griscomb gave an interesting lecture on birds to the entire school last Tuesday.

The Camp Fire Girls went on an enjoyable hike and had their supper in the woods last Tuesday.

The ninth grade gave a Chinese play, "Turtle Doves," by Margaret Scott Oliver, last Friday. It was given very well in spite of lack of scenery. The characters were:

Chorus..... Virginia Denman
Chang Sut Yen..... Bob Foote
The Mandarin..... Bob Barclay
Kwen-Lin..... Betty Hubbell
The Property Man..... John Greenburger
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On next Sunday afternoon, April 19, the Baptist Church of Narberth will broadcast the chapel service from station WFI, the Strawbridge and Clothier store, in Philadelphia. The time of the service is from 4.30 to 5.30 P. M. The musical selections will include a piano solo by the organist of the church, Mr. Chester O. Norton, and several numbers by the quartet. This quartet is composed of Mrs. Charlotte Myers, soprano; Miss Kathryn Boyer, contralto; Mr. Owen Schmidt, baritone; Mr. Walter Taitt, tenor and director.

The pastor, the Rev. Robert E. Keighton, will speak upon "The Romance of the Unknown."

The church would very greatly appreciate hearing from those who tune in to this service.

Entertains at Bridge.

Mrs. G. B. Michener, of Elmwood avenue, entertained at bridge last Monday evening. The guests were Mrs. C. C. Tyson, Mrs. J. A. England, Mrs. Louis Sheneman, Mrs. J. F. Purse, Mrs. T. A. Caldwell, Mrs. L. B. Edgerton and Mrs. William Livingston.

At the Shore.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Dunne and Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Verna were among the many local visitors to Atlantic City over Easter. Our seashore correspondent observed them among the boardwalk promenaders.

A Former Narberth Pastor.

At the Cynwyd Methodist Episcopal Church a change of pastors has recently been made.

Rev. Frank M. Gray has replaced Rev. Luther H. Ketels. Rev. Gray is well-known to many in Narberth, as he was pastor of the local church some years ago, being active in war work in Narberth. He was succeeded by Rev. A. S. Walls, and later by Rev. W. Sheridan Dawson.

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about the Garden

BULBS

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Or trains a tree, is more than all.
—Whittier.

We have watched the fading of the Snowdrops (Galanthus nivalis) and the Winter Aconite (Eranthis hyemalis), but we still have with us the blue of Scilla Siberica, Chionodoxa Lucillae and the blue of the Grape Hyacinth (Muscari botryoides), at least we have them with us for this year and possibly next, but—unless we buy them this fall we will not have them again.

Our Federal Horticultural Board has decreed, for reasons unexplainable, that none of the early spring bulbs, except Crocuses, can be imported after January 1, 1926.

But this is not the worst of the news, for the same Federal quarantine prohibits the importation of the entire Narcissus family, including the Daffodil, all the large Trumpet Narcissus, the Jonquils, the Poet Narcissus, the Barri and Leeds Medium Trumpet Narcissus and the forcing types such as Paper Whites.

This means that of all the early and late flowering spring bulbs we can have only the Crocus, Hyacinth and Tulip. We are supposed to grow the others commercially in this country, but it is doubtful if this is practicable.

So, garden neighbors, note carefully the early bulbs that you must admire and order them in June for fall planting. This year will be your last chance and they are all perfectly hardy and multiply rapidly if the foliage is allowed to die down and ripen the bulbs for the next year.

Many gardeners overlook the possibilities of a spring garden in a location that is heavily shaded by trees after April. This is just the place where the early bulbs can be grown as well as our own native spring flowers such as Bloodroots, Hepaticas, Grape Hyacinths and other woods flowers. Make sure, however, that the soil is not heavy clay, as we need a light soil, mostly leaf mold, to keep these plants living and happy.

For the early spring garden the Dicentras make fine cover plants between the bulbs, as they bloom for a long time in the shade and their foliage just sort of looks as though it belonged there, use Dicentra (Dielstra) formosa, Dicentra Canadensis (Squirrel Corn) or Dicentra cucullaria (Dutchman's Breeches) and put the Bleeding Heart (Dicentra Spectabilis) over with the Columbines in the half-shady place. It is a bit too large for the corners where the early bulbs tell us that spring is here.

It is perhaps not too late to put a ring of course, sharp ashes around the Pyrethrums, Campanulas and Delphiniums to keep the cussed slugs away.

Next week—Roses.
Questions and Answers.
Write your garden questions to the Editor, Garden Column, and if the question and answer proves to be of general interest it will be printed or an authoritative reference given.

Editor to Speak.

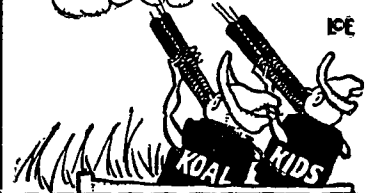
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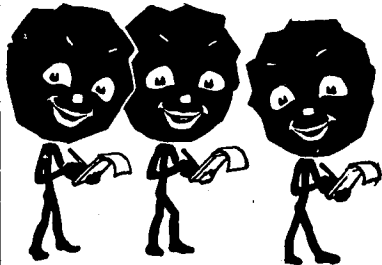
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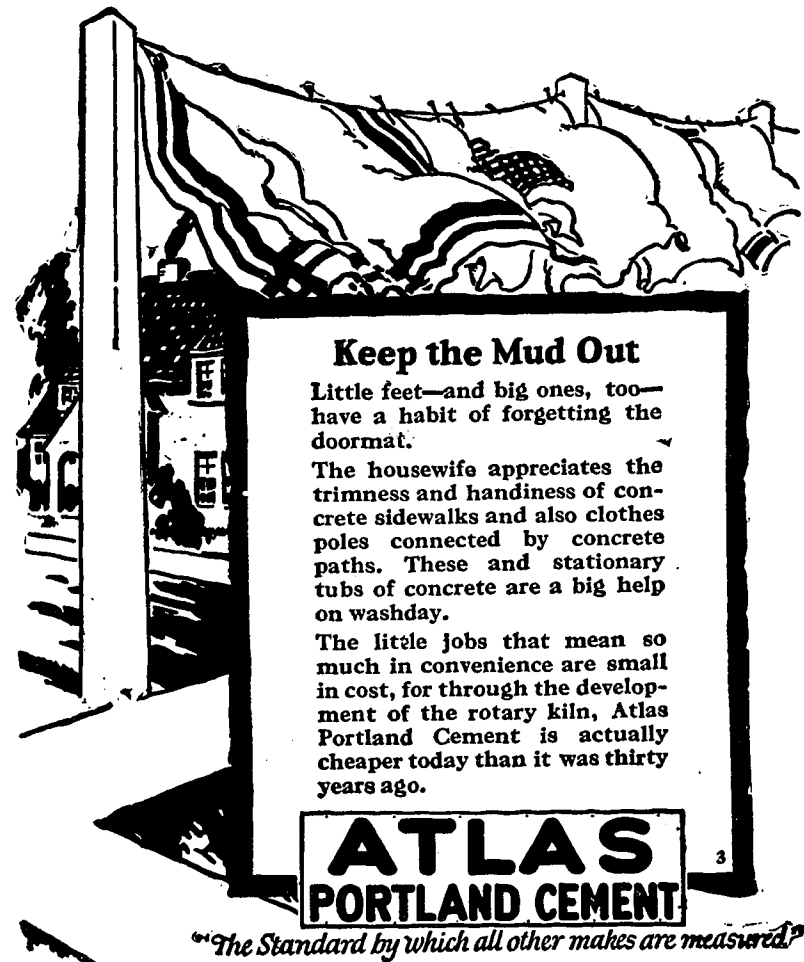
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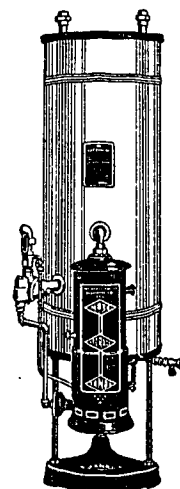
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